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MURRAY'S BID.

Some of our eastern exchanges print the following as having been telegraphed to President Cleveland by Governor Murray: "All law-abiding citizens are rejoicing at your determination to suppress polygamy. We thank you." It has been asserted that Governor Murray was anxious to retain his office, and that parties were working to that end. It will be remembered that Speaker Carlisle, Senator Beck, Editor Watterson and other distinguished Democrats stood by the Governor when he was being investigated a year ago for alleged crookedness as U. S. Marshal of Kentucky. It is said that Kentuckians hang together—though a good many of them hung separately—more closely than the citizens of any other State. Opposing politics cannot induce a Kentuckian to "go back on" a brother Kentuckian. A Democrat will labor for the advancement of a Republican citizen of the State as against a member of his own party from another State. Counting upon this fraternal feeling Murray is an applicant for continuance in the governorship, and expects to have in his favor the influence of such men as Carlisle, Blackburn, Beck and Watterson. His telegram to Cleveland is undoubtedly in the interest of the ambition on his part to hold on in spite of his very pronounced political sentiments. Nothing else could have induced him to send the dispatch above quoted. We take it that Murray meant by "law-abiding citizens" the anti-Mormons. These are the only persons that he recognizes as law-abiding, and the more bitter they are in their hatred of the Saints the higher is their regard for the law in the estimation of his Excellency. Assuming this to be a correct statement of the case, and neither Murray nor his friends will dare deny it, the Governor's telegram is a bid to curry favor with the President rather than a correct expression of the feeling of his "law-abiding citizens." As a matter of fact these latter did not rejoice over Cleveland's reference to polygamy in his inaugural address, nor were they in any sense satisfied or pleased by it. On the contrary the majority of those "law-abiding citizens" were disappointed by the President's brief utterance as to polygamy, and when they came to analyze his words they concluded that Cleveland had said very little and that he evidently meant just as little as he said. Only the fear that an attack on him would embitter the President towards the self-sacrificing individuals who are devoting their labors and lives to the reformation of the Mormons, restrained the "law-abiding citizens" from viciously assailing the President for the failure to treat the Mormon question with a vigor that indicated a determination to deal savagely with the business. Governor Murray knows that he did not read President Cleveland's address as meaning any "determination to suppress polygamy;" he knows also that the President's words were received coldly by the missionary element, and that the longer they think the matter over the greater is their dislike of Cleveland.

THE HERALD entertains not the slightest fear that Murray will be retained in office any longer than the President gets his hand into the business of nominating and appointing. Cleveland is not the man to continue officials whose record is as much smeared as that of Murray, nor is the President at all susceptible to the confectionary known as "tally." The day of the handsome Kentuckian as a Federal office-holder has drawn nearly to a close. He will soon have to rustle, or go hungry, and perhaps he will do both. Such things have happened with better men.

THE POOL.

THE HERALD had hoped that the unpopular arrangement known as the "pool" would never strike the Utah railroads. We hoped this because we are for the people and the pool is against the people. It is an arrangement invented by railroad managers a few years ago, for the purpose of depriving the public of the benefit of competition in the carrying trade. It is a scheme that was brought out for the purpose of enabling the railway companies to get what in vulgar parlance is called the

"grand cinch" on everybody. Through its operations the traveler or shipper is cuffed by one road and when in his anger he turns to the other for relief he is kicked. If he doesn't like the entertainment all he has to do is grit his teeth and bear it. Speaking generally, the "pool" is a wonderful arrangement, and as wicked in its conception and operations as it is wonderful. The man who devised it was a greater enemy to his fellow men than the highwayman.

However, this is of the pool in the abstract. There are exceptions to all other rules, and we trust also to the operation of pools. The local railroads have formed a pool, the particulars of which, as far as they are obtainable, being stated in another part of THE HERALD this morning. As to this particular pool at this particular time THE HERALD cannot say that it objects. Time must decide whether or not the operations will prove beneficial or otherwise to the country covered by the pooling arrangement. It is possible to manage and operate the system in a way that will prove beneficial rather than injurious to the community. Our greatest evils since the advent of the second road have come from the uncertainty as to rates, the roads themselves as well as the public being timid through doubt and want of confidence. It is no herit that the companies have been afraid of each other, and if each has not thought the other was taking advantage of it, we are mistaken in our reading; and also if favors and "bait" have not been conferred and thrown out, we are in error and our local railroad managers are peculiar and exceptional in their compositions and make up. What the pool should do in the way of benefiting the public, is to establish perfect confidence on the part of all that no one is getting an advantage, but that all are receiving the same treatment. While the pool continues there will at least be fixity of rates, which is of great importance to the business public, and indirectly to the entire community. The country can better afford to pay high rates and have them stable, than lower ones that fluctuate and are attended with doubt. They threatened lessening of the accommodation is a matter that need cause no worry. It is to the interest of the roads, pool or no pool, to run all the trains that the public want and are willing to pay for.

Under all these circumstances THE HERALD is inclined to believe the pool will not be injurious to the community. It certainly will not be if charges are not increased beyond reason. As to this we will have to wait.

A SOCIETY MATTER.

The Philadelphia papers tell of the institution in that city of a suit in the progress and result of which society will be deeply interested. One evening last month Miss Mabel Hearne, a young lady of good reputation and bewitching manners, attended a ball given by a fashionable society; her dress was of black velvet, cut after the style of the London court dress, very low-necked back and front, and exposing a goodly proportion of the fair wearer's magnificent bust. When the first set was called Miss Hearne, having divested herself of her wraps, went on the floor, leaning upon the arm of a well-known society young man, whereupon a director of the ball stepped up and quietly informed her that she must leave the floor, as her dress was entirely too décolleté for the modest eyes of the good people present. Had Miss Mabel's escort been cut after the pattern of the average young man, and Miss Mabel been a young lady of the ordinary style, that director would have required some assistance to get out of the hall, and it might have been necessary to sweep him up before removing him, while Miss Hearne amused herself and the company by either screaming or fainting while the scrimmage was in progress. But it seems that the lady and her gallant were not familiar with the ways of society west of the Quaker City; they retired from the ballroom, and the next day Miss Hearne brought suit against the director for \$10,000 damages. When the trial comes on the interest will be high, and the verdict will be of vast importance to the social world.

It has often been alleged that ladies' dresses were too short, some asserting that the unnecessary abbreviation existed at the bottom and others that it was to be found at the top; in the case of "Adamless Eden" and female minstrel troupes we believe the society verdict is that the apparel is too short at both ends. But the law has never, to our knowledge, been called upon to say just how much of her neck, shoulders and adjacent territory a beautiful woman may expose without offending decency and good taste. All classes of people will readily admit that the line should be drawn somewhere, and it is hoped the Philadelphia judge and jury will be able to determine the point between modesty and vulgarity, when people will know just how much or how little to expect when they attend fashionable balls.

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